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C O N F I D E N T I A L THE HAGUE 5779

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SUBJECT: EXCHANGE SUPPORT FUND IN 1975

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1. ON NOV 29, EMBOFF DISCUSSED SEPARATELY WITH MEENG AND

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BRUNINGS OF MFA THE 1975 ESF AND THE MEETING SCHEDULED

FOR DEC 5 IN MANILA ON THIS SUBJECT. EMBOFF INQUIRED WHETHER GON HAS ALREADY RECEIVED INVITATION FOR DEC 5 MEETING FROM GKR. NEITHER MEENG NOR BRUNINGS WERE AWARE OF ANY SUCH INVITATION. LATTER SAID HE WOULD CHECK WITH OTHER MFA AND MINFINANCE COLLEAGUES AND ADVISE EMBASSY ON THIS POINT. EMBOFF INDICATED IT IS EMBASSY'S UNDERSTANDING THAT GKR WAS TO INVITE DONORS AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETING, INCLUDING GOVTS REPRESENTED AT NOV 13 MEETING IN PHNOM PENH, WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY NETHS REP. BRUNINGS (WHO RECENTLY ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR INDOCHINA AID QUESTIONS) PROFESSED UNFAMILIARITY WITH DETAILS OF ESF BUT EVINced SURPRISE THAT NETHS WAS REPRESENTED AT PHNOM PENH MEETING, AS GON POLICY IN PAST HAS BEEN NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS ON THIS QUESTION GIVEN GON'S INABILITY TO CONTRIBUTE BECAUSE OF BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS (SEE HAGUE 5079 AND 4833 OF 1973, SENT DEPT AND PHNOM PENH, RE GON NON-ATTENDANCE AT PARIS ESF MEETINGS).

2. EMBOFF TOLD BRUNINGS THAT, WHILE WE COULD NOT SPEAK FOR GKR, OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT GON ATTENDANCE AT MANILA MEETING WOULD BE MOST WELCOME AND APPRECIATED BY KR, AS WELL AS BY USG, EVEN IF NETHS SHOULD NOT BE IN POSITION TO MAKE ANY COMMITMENTS ON ESF. EMBASSY IS PROVIDING BRUNINGS AIDE MEMOIRE OUTLINING RATIONALE FOR CONTINUATION OF ESF BASED ON REFTELS AND EXPRESSING HOPE GON REP WILL ATTEND MANILA MEETING.

3. FOR LONDON: KHMER REPUBLIC HAS NO RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE IN THE HAGUE; GKR AMBASSADOR TO LONDON ALSO ACCREDITED THE HAGUE. IF NO OBJECTION PERCEIVED, WE SUGGEST LONDON APPRISE KHMER EMBASSY THERE OF OUR DEMARCHE AND URGE KHMER EMBASSY SEND INVITATION TO GON SOONEST, IF NOT ALREADY DONE. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. COMMENT: PRESENT DUTCH AID POLICY IS TO CONCENTRATE AID IN NUMBER OF TARGET COUNTRIES, KHMER REPUBLIC
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IS NOT RPT NOT ONE OF THESE COUNTRIES, WHICH IN SE ASIA AND FAR EAST INCLUDE INDONESIA AND COUNTRIES OF SUB-CONTINENT. IT IS EXTREMELY UNLIKELY GON WOULD FIND IT POSSIBLE PARTICIPATE IN ESF. WE THEREFORE THINK IT ALSO UNLIKELY GON WILL WANT TO BE REPRESENTED AT MANILA MEETING.
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